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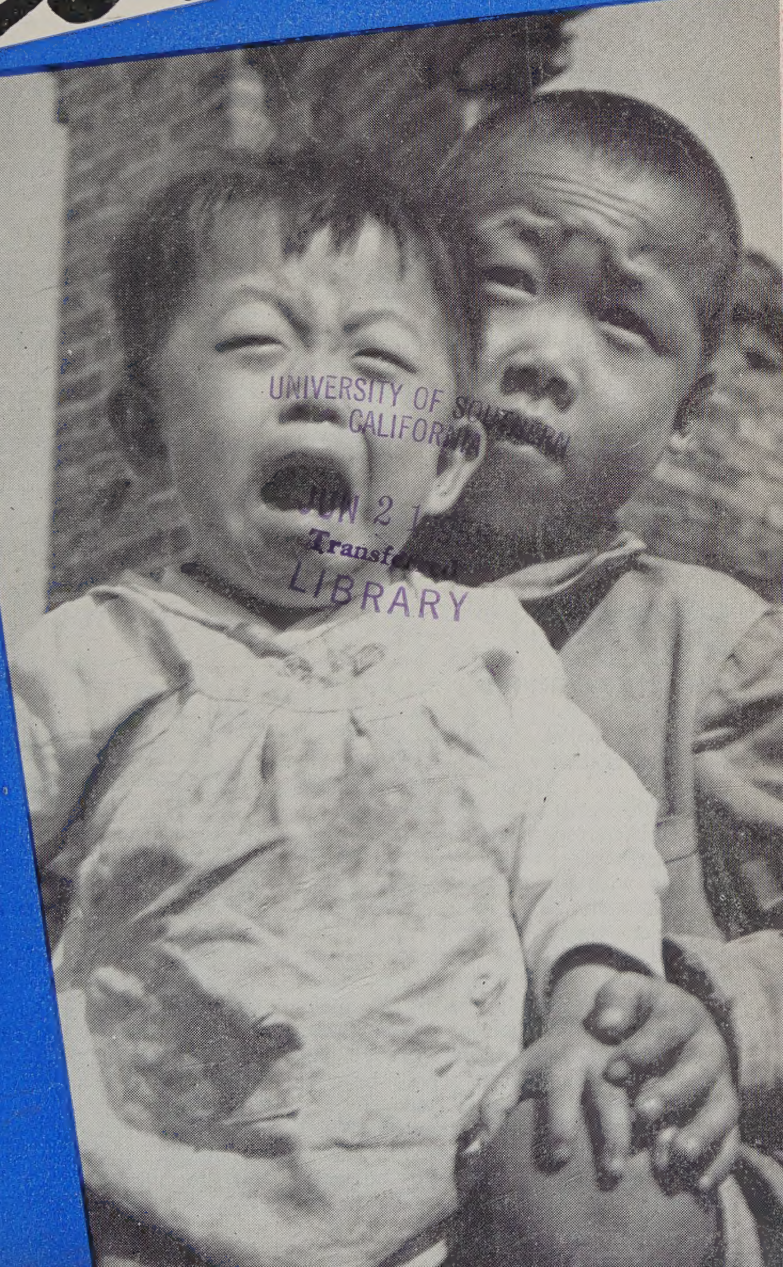

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What does the cover photo say to you?

These little fellows remind us of many things: Korea, Formosa, Indo-China; the despair and hopelessness of millions of the world's people; the pathetic plight of countless children around the world; the need for Christian concern in such a day as this; the compassion of one who came that all men might have life; the love of God which reaches out even unto the least of these his children.

CONCERN's cover photo calls Methodist youth to opportunity, for it announces the fall action project in the Youth Emphasis. The project is "Toward Christian World Community"—specifically through missions, world peace, and overseas relief. For the MYF, its concern is to make the world community Christian, its goal to make the Christian community world-wide. Dates for the fall action project: World Order Sunday, October 23, through the Sunday after Human Rights Day, December 11.

The new flier on the project is now available free from the Youth Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2. Ask for No. 2435-B.

Forum

MIRACLE OF GIVING

Sirs:

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has a problem. It's a big problem . . . MCOR is "designation poor." So many of the gifts we receive are marked for specific ministries, we sometimes do not have money enough to help with the unexpected tragedies which attack without concern for season or circumstances.

In Southern Italy, for instance, recent floods left hundreds without homes, without food, without any place to turn for help except to organizations like MCOR. And when they turned to us, we could not help because all our money was committed.

Or in India. In recent months MCOR has found it impossible to answer to appeals urgently requested by our missionaries. We did not have sufficient undesignated funds available at th right time.

MCOR never makes aid grants with out careful study of need. That is wh we work so closely with Methodist mis sionaries and interdenominational rep resentatives in the countries oversea They are there. They know where th money can be of greatest service. Thi is one of the reasons why MCOR ha tried to discourage personalized re lief. To encourage a Methodist grou or individual in "adopting" specif persons is, we feel, not only unwis but even unChristian. Such aid is, i a way, discriminatory . . . somewha like giving one child a piece of choc late candy when there are 20 othe hungry children who must stand an watch him eat it.

There are better ways to personaliz our giving. Relief is by its very natur a personal thing, and relief is not im personal simply because we do not hav a picture of a child wearing clothes w bought for him.

How much more a miracle it mus seem to a hungry man to receive brea from a stranger, who gave because H loved all mankind, than to receiv bread from a friend!

We believe that MCOR is a kind o miracle . . . the miracle of Christia love at work.

Doris Darne

MCOR, New York

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The front page

SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

◆ **In a report to the nation,** Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said there is a chance that increased free world strength may force Russia to quit bucking efforts to settle world problems. He said the Soviets, faced with a unified Western Europe and a greatly increased free world power, now may decide to live within the laws of civilized nations.

◆ **Premier Chou En-lai of Red China** renewed his offer to negotiate over the touchy Formosa issue and charged that the United States is taking an "evasive and equivocal stand." The Communist leader said that nations and peoples who are concerned about world peace are urging the negotiations. U.S. officials found nothing new in Chou's last statement, said the U.S. is trying to find out precisely what Chou means.

◆ **Only $6.5 million was finally voted** for the U.N. technical assistance program for the first six months of 1955, which was a compromise between the $4 million voted by the House and $8 million voted by the Senate. The day after this vote, the House voted 372-3 to authorize a $1.3 *billion* Navy shipbuilding program. Included was authority to build another super-carrier at a cost of $200 million.

◆ **Politics has the spotlight in** Britain, with general elections scheduled for May 26. New prime minister Anthony Eden and his party-in-power seem to be running slightly ahead of their Laborite opposition.

◆ **Austria's freedom was signed and** sealed by the Big Four as the bells of thousands of churches rang joyously across the Alps. Jubilant Austria had waited for this day since March 13, 1938 when Adolf Hitler annexed her to Germany. The new treaty declares her "sovereign, independent, and democratic" after occupation first by the Nazis and then by the war victors.

◆ **Russia accepted an American-British-French** invitation to a Big Four conference at "the summit" to discuss East-West tensions. Foreign ministers of the four big powers apparently reached a general agreement on the purposes and methods of such a conference. Details of time and place of the top-level meetings have yet to be decided.

◆ **Senate investigators are almost** ready to begin public hearings on the nationwide traffic of dirty books and pictures among teen-agers. The Senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency, headed by Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver, has given this question top priority.

◆ **Russia offered to the world a plan** for disarmament, but the west immediately saw two gaping holes in its plan: the request for the U.S. to give up the military bases it has established in friendly countries around the world, and the lack of provision for real international inspection of weapons. The Western powers answered with a disarmament plan of their own, calling for an international control agency with unrestricted inspection powers.

◆ **And the U.S. army announced that** its soldiers will start wearing green uniforms next fall so people can tell its men from truck drivers and trashmen.

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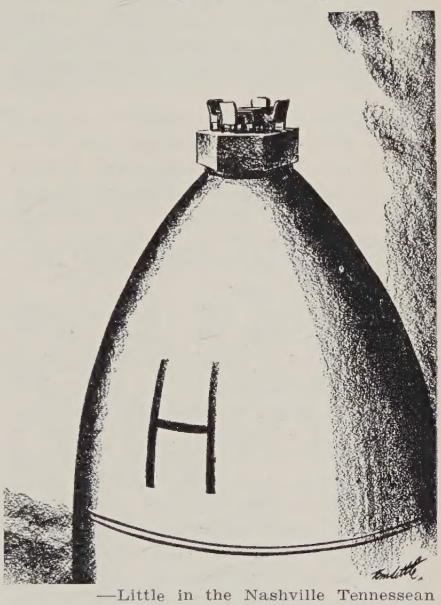
A meeting at the top level



—Little in the Nashville Tennessean

Leaders launch crusade to share abundance

Some 88 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders have launched a nationwide crusade "to employ the God-given abundance of America in an expanded program of world development, human progress and international peace."

A six-point program announced early this month calls upon "national leaders, both in the social sciences and in the practical realms of business, labor, agriculture and politics" to promote greater sharing of U.S. abundance and "potential productivity" with other peoples of the world.

The statement urges federal legislation to maintain full employment; the establishment of wages and farm prices which "will produce a just and equitable distribution of consumer purchasing power"; and food and nutrition programs which will provide healthful diets for Americans and "for as many persons as can be reached and served abroad." It also calls for expanded international technical assistance programs, freer international trade with "appropriate public aid to agricultural and industrial enterprises facing adjustments" caused by lowered trade barriers.

"In a moral universe," the leaders asserted, "the continued prosperity of one nation can only be justified by its faithful and courageous efforts to make comparable abundance available to all nations."

Religious census considered for '56

The U. S. Census Bureau is considering a nation-wide survey of religious organizations next year.

Bureau representatives met this month in Washington with officials of the Association of the Statisticians of the American Religious Bodies to sound out the kind of cooperation they might expect from the nation's three major faiths.

However, no final decision has been reached on asking Congress for the more than $1,000,000 that is needed to do the job. If undertaken, the census will be the fifth of its kind, but the first since 1936. Previous surveys were taken at ten-year intervals from 1906 through 1936 as authorized by Congress in the basic census law. In 1946 Congress failed to approve the $1,250,000 requested.

In New York, Dr. Benson Y. Landis, chairman of the statisticians association, said, "It is the sincere hope, as well as the expectation of many officials of religious bodies" that the census can be made. He pointed out that the government compilations would be the only up to date published statistics based on a tabulation of reports from local congregations on organized religion in the U.S. It would also be the only published statistics gathered by anyone from those denominations so organized that they do not or cannot, gather figures from their own local congregations.

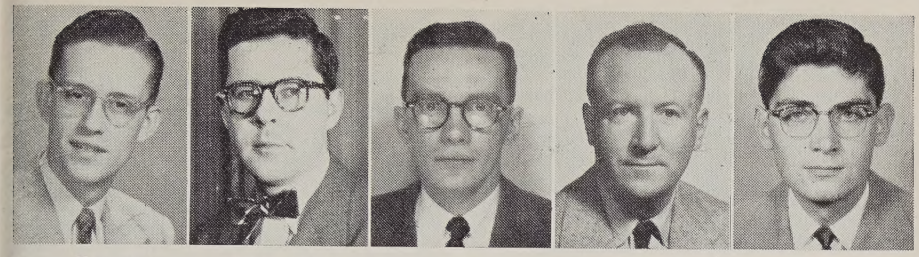
Churches support Formosa talks

Top officers of the National Council of Churches have told President Eisenhower that he has their "hearty support" in the government's announced willingness to talk over the Formosa situation directly with Communist China.

In a telegram sent to the President at the end of April, the church spokesmen said direct negotiations "can and will be carried forward with honor to our country" and without sacrifice of principle. Moreover, Washington's declaration of willingness to negotiate "will go far toward ensuring the continued good will and collaboration of our friends and allies in Asia and throughout the world.

"The National Council of Churches and its constituent communions have steadfastly held to the view that the United States should at all times keep open the doors of negotiation in an effort to achieve world justice and peace," the message said.

In a similar message members of the board of managers of United Church Women, a general department of the National Council, in a St. Louis meeting, commended Secretary of State Dulles for his "forthright statement" calling for a cease-fire and offering to negotiate with the Chinese Communists.



Frisch Gilpatrick Jones Rowe Yale

Students receive Baker scholarships

The first Bishop James C. Baker Graduate Awards have just been announced, a scholarship grant of $1,000 going to each of five Methodist students:

Paul B. Yale, Harvard University

William Paul Jones, Yale University

Thomas V. Gilpatrick, University of Chicago

Norman J. Frisch, University of Michigan

Harold F. Rowe, University of Tennessee

The awards were authorized by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church at its annual meeting in 1954. At that time $5,000 was set aside to initiate a program of awards to be made available to outstanding graduate students in state and independent universities.

Purpose of the award is to recruit additional teachers and administrators for Methodist colleges and universities and to give the recipients of such awards an opportunity to secure professional experience in student religious work.

Recipients of the awards are required to contribute a designated amount of leadership to the program of the Wesley Foundation where they are studying. The type and amount of leadership will be determined after consultation with the local Wesley Foundation director and the national committee on the awards.

Biographical Data

Frisch is 28 years old and single, studying for a Ph.D. in mathematics, with algebra the major field. From the University of Michigan he has received a B.S.E. degree in physics, a B.S.E. degree in math and a M.S. in math.

Gilpatrick is 31, married and with one child, now is a candidate for a Ph. D. degree in policial science. He studied at the University of Illinois, receiving a B.S. and M.A. and at Citadel, Biarritz American University, Askov Advanced Folke-Notskole in Denmark, and the University of Chicago. He is specializing in political philosophy and science.

Jones is 25 and married, due to receive an M.A. this June and a Ph.D. in 1957 or 1958. He studied at the University of Pittsburgh, received a B.A. degree from Mount Union College, and a B.D. from Yale Divinity School. He has studied also at Indiana State Teachers and Boston University School of Theology. His specialization now is philosophical theology.

Rowe is 41, married, with B.A. and M.A. from the University of Redlands. He studied also at Riverside Junior College and Claremont College. He is a candidate for doctor of education degree in June of 1956, specializing in school administration, psychology in relation to a guidance program, and speech.

Yale is 22, married, with one child. He has a B.A. in mathematics from the University of California, is expecting an M.A. from Harvard this June and hopes for a Ph.D. from Harvard in June of 1958, both in mathematics.

Selection Committee

The national committee who chose the award winners is composed of John Keith Benton, dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Religion; Henry M. Johnson, dean of Scarritt College; G. Eugene Durham, director of the Methodist Student Fellowship at

Northwestern University; H. D. Bollinger, secretary of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Board of Education; and Stanley H. Martin, secretary of the Department of Student Loans and Scholarships.

Similar awards will be made next year. Within a few days, official announcement is expected concerning the rules and regulations concerning the next awards. Persons interested should inquire to the Department of Student Loans and Scholarships, Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

UCYM plans 17 training conferences

To help prepare young people for their role in the ecumenical church in their home town and to train them in practical interdenominational co-operation, the United Christian Youth Movement will hold 17 training conferences this summer.

Some 1500 local or state youth council officers or leaders or denominational youth officers and their advisers will attend 16 state and area meetings in as many scattered states. State and denominational youth leaders will hold the annual meeting of the UCYM General Council at Lake Geneva, Wisc., August 28-September 4.

How whites and Indians must view one another's problems will be a major discussion topic at the Northwestern area conference near Rapid City, S. D. June 12-18. One or two Indians wil be on the conference staff and from 10 to 20 others will be delegates. Several of the conferences will have radio-TV workshops to train young people in the use of resources available for radio and TV production.

Other conferences are at Black Forest, Colo., June 19-25; Springfield, Ohio, June 20-25; Auburndale, Fla., June 27-July 3; Des Moines, Iowa, July 17-23; Austin, Texas, July 24-30; Elmdale, Kansas, July 31-August 5; Trenton, Mo., July 31-August 4; Spruce Creek, Pa., July 31-August 7; St. George, Va., August 1-7; Nashville, Tenn., August 1-7; Colletsville, N. C., August 6-13; Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H., August 14-21; Williams Bay, Wisc., August 21-28.

News in brief

◆ **Rev. Robert H. Hamill, pastor of** Ottawa Street Methodist Church in Joliet, Ill. is winner of the first prize of $75 for the best sermon on peace submitted in a recent contest of the *Christian Advocate*. The sermon is printed in the May 12 issue of the *Advocate*. Title is "Co-existence or No Existence." Hamill is well-known in the MSM for his leadership in various conferences and for the study materials he has written for them.

◆ **The Methodist Committee for** Overseas Relief has approved a $252,-391 allocation for overseas aid during June-July-August. Some $112,691 will be administered through Methodist agencies and will go to relief and rehabilitation in 17 areas in Europe, Asia and North Africa. An additional $104,-700 will be spent for world relief through interdenominational agencies such as Church World Service, World Council of Churches, World's Student Christian Federation, and the International Missionary Council. The action also included $18,000 for the refugee resettlement program.

◆ **"Last year some 18 million boys** and girls between the ages of 10 and 17 were *not* picked up by the police for any crime whatsoever," comments Dr. Martha M. Elliot, head of the U. S. Children's Bureau, Washington, D.C.

◆ **Four young Japanese Christians** will make a goodwill visit to the Philippine Islands in July and August in return for a visit by a Filipino youth team to Japan last summer. The Japanese team — a pastor, two teachers and a student — will represent the Church of Christ of Japan, as the Filipino team represented the United Church of Christ of the Philippines. The Japanese youth will take with them slides and photographs, showing the work of Christians in their homeland.

◆ **Robert John Versteeg, a graduate** student at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., has been named "seminarian preacher of the year," by the Chicago Sunday Evening Club in cooperation with the *Christian Century Pulpit* magazine. The contest includes an award of $100 and a chance to speak before the Sunday Evening Club. Versteeg preached his sermon April 24.

Prayer for today

In the three months since Rev. Milton Heitzman delivered the invocation at the opening of the 1955 session of the Illinois legislature at Springfield, the prayer he gave on that occasion has been used on radio and television programs, and over a thousand copies have been sent out in response to requests.

Mr. Heitzman is associate director of audio visual and radio education in the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. His associates there have dubbed him "the Peter Marshall of Illinois."

This is his prayer:

Dear Father, whose almighty hand created this Prairie State and allowed it to flourish in the care of those p i o n e e r spirits; Thou who cast the die of Thy way upon the hearts and minds and lives of their children and then upon their children's children:

Look down upon us this important day. Help us, as we stand in this select place, to have humility. Allow no man who stands now before Thee to feel the surge of selfish power—rather touch each servant of the people of Illinois with the sense of GREATER servitude to Thee.

O God, the coming weeks will be filled with confusion; too big words will be supported by too small ideas; the pull and tug of politics will attempt to stagger statesmanship; in these coming days some of these men will feel the sting of the whip of loneliness when they try to be right instead of popular; during these coming weeks, we know, our Father, the markings of space, the rights of free men, the teaching of our children, and the economics of food for the hungry

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will tousle the t h o u g h t s and tempers; therefore we ask, O God, our Friend, to bless these sincere men:

Cleanse their hearts of selfishness,

Clothe their minds with wisdom,

Brighten their v i s i o n with truth,

Give them backbone instead of jawbone,

Bless them with imagination—help them to see in their vision the heart of Illinois before they speak.

O God, let them see Thy children walk along the levee of the Mississippi in Cairo—help them to see as they consider the ways of free men in our State,

a crib full of corn in San Jose,

the bright glow of a Joliet furnace,

a pen of hogs at Galva,

the blue exhaust of a plane at Midway,

the deep red of a prarie sunset reflected on the back of a hereford at Hoopston,

the shiny, black smell of the oil of Salem,

the gleaming yellow of a Peoria tractor,

the pale glint of a miner's lamp at Gillespie.

O God, today, give t h e m enough imagination to know persons from things, and bread from cake.

We ask, Father, that Thou will truly bless them.

And bless the leadership of this body. May they be true to their trust.

Be with us now as citizens of the great State—Thy Kingdom. AMEN.

Special report

Africa can be saved

Our most vivid impressions of Africa are its vastness, its sharp contrasts, its potential for world weal or woe.

Africa is as big as the United States, India, China and Europe combined. It has 30 per cent of the world's potential water power—almost twice that of America.

Some of Africa's people are so primitive as to wear almost no clothing, and do not know or use the wheel. Others have degrees from Oxford University, speak ten languages, and are among the most cultured and interesting people you have met anywhere.

We went through steaming equatorial jungles and barren deserts; over one lake 10,000 feet deep and mountains 12,000 feet high; among gold, diamond, copper and cobalt mines; and on game reserves where we saw lions, zebras, Thomson gazelle, giraffe, rhinocerous and hippopotamuses and other wild animals by the hundreds.

Some one has described Africa as like a series of over-heated boilers—some with a safety valve and others with none. The indicator reads danger on all of them. The one in Kenya has already burst a seam in the Mau Mau uprising. While we were in Nairobi, two white boys, fifteen and thirteen, took their air-gun and went for a stroll in the woods seven miles from the city. They were captured by a Mau Mau gang and cut to pieces. What has the white man done to be so hated? The answer is "much and over a long period of time —and he is still doing it."

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The race problem dominates most of Africa and is most serious where the white man has colonized and has bought or won by conquest or by broken treaties much of the good land.

Let us not be too self-righteous—we did to the American Indian what the Afrikaaner (white Dutch) of South Africa would do to the Negro if there were not so many more of them than of the whites. The proportion runs from four blacks to one white in the Union of South Africa; to 500 blacks and one white in Nyasaland.

In every country we visited there is some dissatisfaction, and in most countries the Africans are frustrated, embittered, segregated, exploited, treated as something less than human and they resent this treatment in their own land.

At present the African does not have the means for a major revolution — general strikes, passive resistance, yes. Mau Mau probably would exist now in several parts of Africa beside Kenya if the African could get firearms and had adequate leadership.

Raines

The soil of Africa is a perfect seed bed for communism. Western civilization has lost for our age its long-time influence upon China. It seems about to lose its close relations with much of the rest of Asia. If western civilization should lose cooperation with India, Africa is the one major continent left. The West could lose cooperation with Africa through alienating the friendship and loyalty of the African.

There are several hopeful facts:

(1) There is a growing awareness among a powerful minority of white people that the past must not be continued but more privileges and opportunity and political representation for the African; (2) a missionary, Garfield Todd, was elected prime minister of Southern Rhodesia and leads a potential movement to open doors of opportunity to the African; (3) Gold Coast and Nigeria have virtual self-government; (4) Belgian Congo is governed in full awareness that the African will one day govern himself and is pointed to win his friendship and loyalty; (5) the missionary comes into this atmos-

phere of tension, fear, hatred, mistrust and bigotry and serves as a human bridge of understanding. He knows the African. He knows what the power of Christ does for and to the African. The missionary knows the value of steady development and peaceful growth.

Vision, understanding, moral character—the golden rule coming from Christian faith—is Africa's hope. The race is between opening doors of opportunity and growth for the African couples—with all sorts of skills and possessed by the love of Christ as missionaries and American capital for power and communication could save the day.

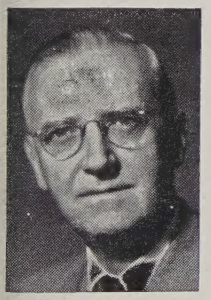
—By Bishop Richard C. Raines

On a wide circuit

Day of dedication

Perhaps no other distinctly American "holiday" has changed so much from its original purpose and program as has the annual observance of May 30th during the past four decades. And while we are sometimes willing to agree with those who declare that all holidays and holy-days have tended to "degenerate" with the advent of superhighways, increased horsepower, and the lure of the country to the city-prisoner, we must make exception to some aspects of May 30th.

We first knew May 30th as "Decoration Day." It was a day to decorate the graves of both the Blue and the Gray—those youths who fell in the tragic War Between the States. Flowers and flags and markers honored them; their aging brothers-in-arms and newer and resplendent military and naval units paraded — the shame and horror of the fratracidal struggle almost forgotten, or hidden beneath the glamor of prancing horses, tailored uniforms, and tantalizing bands. And the oratory of the day—not to be out-demogogued by that of July 4—extolled the military road as humanity's noblest way of life.



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Then, in the second decade of this century and again in the fifth, America saw new thousands of her sons perish on the battlefields of Europe and Asia. There was scarcely a family that did not make some contribution to the casualty list. For all of them—for all America—May 30th took on new and disturbing meaning. It was clear that the mere *decoration* of graves was not enough. These boys —most of them were in their twenties—had died because someone had captured their minds and hearts with a high ideal ("to make the world safe for democracy," "a war to end all wars," "to bring lasting peace and order to mankind"); and they, believing, had given their lives to achieve these ends.

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"We must see that these boys have not died in vain," men said. "We must keep fresh the ideals that were theirs. We must compete the task they began and for which they gave so much. And we must see that new generations of our sons do not have to wage this struggle again and again."

So Decoration Day gradually became Memorial Day: a day to keep fresh and green not the sod beneath which our boys rest, but the remembrance of the high ideals and goals, the sufferings and sacrifices, which were theirs. Yet *remembering* in itself is not enough. Remembering is worthwhile only as it inspires us to reach toward higher goals, to strive toward nobler action. Remembering the many thousands who died has importance only as they live again in us; as we strive, as they strove, to achieve Peace in a better America, in a better world.

To many, therefore, Memorial Day has now become a "Day of Dedication to Peace." Gone from our minds and

from the Day's observance are all the emphasis on the "glory" of war (war is, rather, more awful in its terror and horror than was the hell that either Dante or Milton could conjure up); gone all boasting of America's might, and superiority in arms, and wealth of human and natural resources. It is a day for humility, for prayer, for heart-searching, for re-affirming of basic Christian ideals.

On this "Day of Dedication to Peace" we promise ourselves and our all to the never-ending quest for justice, and equity, and brotherhood, and freedom—the ingredients of Peace. We dedicate *ourselves*—not our sons and their sons—but ourselves, our thoughts, our acts, our wealth, our time, our every enegry — to the achieving of Peace by paths and methods (even sacrifices and sufferings) we well know alone reach that goal. We dedicate ourselves to Peace: we will hold nothing back; we will never be too proud, too powerful, too self-sufficient to sit or walk with neighbor or foe in search of Peace.

Only as we achieve our own and our sons' ideals of Peace can we honor the *memory* of those who fell believing in that cause. Peace, everlasting Peace, is only fitting and honorable *decoration* for their graves.

—By W. W. Reid

Special report

The greatest thing

Exclusive to CONCERN

Now that the International Christian University is well established, it is time to take a new look at it and see just what it stands for and what it means to the faculty and students. Imagine yourself on the beautiful 365-acre campus just outside Tokyo, where over 500 students are studying in a new democratic and international community.

First of all, we take you directly to the lovely chapel which is located close to the University Hall. Here we find Dr. Toyotome, who is the student pastor at I. C. U. To our question, "What is the greatest thing about this Christian institute of higher education," he gives us this account:

"One morning I walked into a small meeting somewhat late and suddenly sensed that a serious matter was being discussed. Vice President Troyer and six other faculty members were thinking together how to help a student pull through a psychological and spiritual crisis. Other important business of the committee was pushed aside to concentrate on the needs of this one student.

"The greatest thing at I. C. U. to me is not the building or the faculty but the concern it has for every individual person, to bring healing and new life to each one in the name of Christ. The above incident was only one illustration of the spirit of this university. To the extent to which we realize this spirit in our total work can we be called a Christian institution, a university with a heart, a Christ-like heart."

Faith Is the Greatest

After leaving the chapel we walk over to University Hall, which contains the classrooms, library and faculty offices, and call on President Hachiro Yuasa in his attractive office (being a combination of Japanese and American arrangements). We put the same question to him and his reply is:

"The great thing in I.C.U. is faith: faith in God, faith in humanity, faith in the new Japan, faith in the world of tomorrow. Faith in the eternal God, Father of all mankind, author of Truth, Goodness and Beauty, gave birth to the vision that created I.C.U. Because of our faith in humanity, we have confidence in the relevancy and validity for I.C.U. education. I.C.U. is a symbol of goodwill and Christian concern of the world-minded friends for the new Japan. Faith in the free and peaceful

world of tomorrow undergirds this new international, interracial, intercultural institution of higher learning, that is I. C. U."

I. C. U. has two vice presidents, Harold W. Hackett in charge of financial affairs, and Dr. Maurice Troyer in charge of curriculum.

Mr. Hackett says,

"Here at I.C.U. we are constructing buildings on the beautiful campus, but more important we are 'building' leadership in scholarship and character for the future. The greatest thing about I.C.U. is the student body.

"Students come from different nations, different races and different cultures to study and live together. The young men and women studying at I.C.U. are outstanding students from the schools from which they come. To a high degree they represent creative and enlightened leadership for the new Japan and other parts of the world."

Dr. Troyer adds this comment.

"I am enthusiastic about the language, general education, research and service programs developed thus far at I.C.U.

"But I have been thrilled most by the growing spirit of devotion on the part of faculty and students to the responsibilities of higher education in developing creative free men for responsible citizenship in a course chartered by the guiding star of Christian commitment and experience."

Brunner Teaches Here

One of the great international religious leaders at I.C.U. is Professor Emil Brunner. He has made a spiritual contribution not only to I.C.U., but to many other schools and colleges throughout Japan. In talking with him we discover that he is much impressed by the new church which has been organized upon the campus.

Dr. Brunner says, "We have formed our own I.C.U. Church which came into existence with the inauguration of our new Church building. This was in a way a new feature not only in Japan but in the Christian world, in so far as we had to find a form of constitution and church life in which the two main groups of the I.C.U. family could feel at home:

a) The ones who belong to one of the denominations (Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, etc.)

b) Those who belong to the Christian "non-church group" which is quite strong and vital in Japan. There are a number of those "non-church" Christians in our I.C.U. family.

"It is not quite easy to find a form suitable to both, making every one willing to share in the benefits and responsibilities of such a church. It will need a broad ecumenical spirit to include all."

Half a Million Dollars

Directly after World War II the Japanese people, under the direction of Mr. Hisato Ichimada, raised almost a half million dollars for the International Christian University in Japan. With this the campus was purchased. Now the interesting thing is that Mr. Ichimada is not a Christian, and over 90% of the contributions came from non-Christians. At that time Mr. Ichimada was Governor of the Bank of of Japan. He is now Minister of Finance in the new Government.

Since he is an honorary member of the I.C.U. Council we should see him. We leave with this significant state-

Students work in the chemistry laboratory at the new International Christian University in Japan. The University and American churches are observing "ICU Sunday" this June 19. (See story.)

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber is general secretary of the Japan International Christian University foundation and is author of several books, the latest being *Primer on Roman Catholicism for Protestants.*

ment: "Japan after restoring her status of independence, is confronted with a series of difficulties, both economic and moral. I firmly believe that in order to surmount those difficulties and be able to contribute either morally or materially to the world of tomorrow, the education in Japan must be worked out from a broad international standpoint, and founded on Christian culture. The greatest thing which I expect of I. C. U. lies precisely on this point."

Another lay leader, who has made a very large contribution to I.C.U. is Mr. George Togasaki, publisher of the *Nippon Times*, president of the Tokyo Rotary Club, and chairman of the I. C.U. Board of Trustees. He is a Christian and is doing a great deal to give Christianity a place of influence in the life of Japan. When we go to see him we know that he will have something important to say. It is this. "In this present world of perplexity, and confusion, it is gratifying to watch the growth and the progress of a new generation, imbued with the ideals and hopes of a new order; an order of sanity, goodwill, and amity.

"The realization of this new leadership is being witnessed on the plains of Mitaka at the International Christian University."

Features Internationalism

The International Christian University cannot be fully appreciated until the students are seen in action. There are now over 500 of them, mainly Japanese, but others from China, Korea, India and the United States. Here they live in an international community. There is nothing like it in all of Japan.

A student tells us this story which points up, in a wonderful way, what is taking place on the I. C. U. campus: "About a year ago we were waiting for five Chinese students from Hong Kong with great expectation. When they arrived at I. C. U. they seemed a little embarrassed being watched b all the students, but looked very happ at the welcome party. For a while the had to stay at the Y.M.C.A. dormitor until I. C. U. dormitory was read for them, and I had the privilege o bringing them to school every morn ing.

"They began to study Japanese s intensively that they made great pro gress day by day and gradually the were accustomed to Japanese environ ment; sometimes they could even tel some jokes in Japanese. Pleasant sum mer vacation came, but they could no go anywhere by themselves. I wen with them to Nikko, one of the famou historical and cultural spots in Japan and we passed a night together at Japanese inn, enjoying beautiful moun tain scenery and fire-works.

"They are now all good friends o mine and can speak Japanese ver well, although they are sometime homesick. We are expecting some mor American, Chinese and Korean student this April, and we hope to be of hel in promoting mutual understandin among them. I love I. C. U. with grea enthusiasm because of its unique fea tures of internationalism."

"The Arc of Free Asia"

We are hearing much these day about the "Arc of Free Asia." We ar told that Asia needs technical aid an economic assistance, as well as militar help. We are determined to save suc nations as India and Japan for free dom and democracy. One of the mos practical ways to do this, on a volun tary basis, is through the Internationa Christian University in Japan.

On June 19, 1955, the churches o this country will celebrate "ICU SUN DAY." At the same time faculty an students on the I. C. U. campus wil be observing the day. Those who wan to extend the cause of Christianity an the democratic spirit in Asia can d so by contributing through regula channels of The Methodist Churc Church (with funds earmarked fo I. C. U.) or by sending a contributio to the Japan International Christia University Foundation, 44 East 23r Street, New York 10, New York. Worl peace and brotherhood can be mad real through our contributions to thi great Christian project.

BY STANLEY I. STUBE

Church sponsors all night caper

Methodist Temple in Port Arthur, Texas, was host to the junior and senior classes of Thomas Jefferson high school for an all night caper which followed the school's senior ball.

The caper was the result of the desire of some local parents to keep the high school students off the highways following the ball.

Plans are now under way to form a steering committee of youth and adults representing as many churches as wish to cooperate in the venture next year. Radio station KPAC has promised to broadcast the entire event as it did this year.

Les Ledet, sportscaster, and Gordon Baxter, program director of KPAC, were masters of ceremonies for the variety program which began at 12 midnight and continued until 5 a.m. KPAC is the Port Arthur college station.

Activities got under way in Temple Clipper, a youth center and social hall, when the snack wagon was rolled out. At 2 a.m. four students presented male fashions in dress, casual and school clothing. At 4 a.m. breakfast was served. Other events included the games, "Two for the Money," "Truth or Consequences" and "Masquerade." There was also a continuous showing of a feature movie, a comedy and a variety film.

It is traditional in Port Arthur for high school juniors and seniors to stay up all night following the senior ball, and the caper was designed to provide wholesome entertainment within the city. Throughout the evening various guests were interviewed while the announcers served as disk jockeys with the crowd selecting the records to be played.

Port Arthur parents sponsored an all night party for high school students. On the air during the party are Gordon Baxter and Les Ledet, both of radio station KPAC, and students Gail Connell and Larry Spradley. (See story.)

Keene youth wins oratorical contest

David Coolidge, high school senior at Keene, N. H., won top honors in an oratorical contest held recently at the Methuen First Methodist Church.

The contest was sponsored by the New Hampshire Conference Board of World Peace. Orations prepared by the youth themselves were on the theme of world peace, and the contest itself was a conference project in Methodism's current Crusade for World Order.

The contest was held as part of the annual meeting of the Southern District MYF, with Methuen pastor Robert C. Sharp in charge. Second prize in the oratorical contest was given Donna Jennings of Salem Depot, N.H., and third prize to Carol Walker of Salisbury, Mass. The first two winners will compete in the conference finals to be held at Woodsville, N.H.

N. C. group tries its first drama

The senior MYF at Central church in Albermarle, N.C. presented a play, "The Return of Chandra" at an evening church service. According to reports, the response of the congregation has

been overwhelming. The message was carried so well by the MYF players that the whole church is still talking about it.

Not only was a message brought to the people, but the young people themselves have found a great inspiration in doing the play. They spent hours in rehearsals—some gave up extra jobs at the drug store or baby-sitting in order to make it.

It is the first drama this group has ever undertaken, and they are ready for more. Fortunately, this play was given publicity in the January issue of *Roundtable* and one of the young people was interested enough to draft some of her friends to take part.

The local radio station, WABZ, loaned its tape recorder and a recording was made during the final performance. Following the play the cast grouped around the recorder to hear themselves. The radio station has asked the group to re-write their play and produce it for broadcast.

Cast included Wayland McKenzie, Juanita Courville, Jenny Henderson, David Grigg, Billy Fitzgerald, Kay Swindell, Conrad Hathcock, and Jimmy Kluttz. Patricia Starnes was prompter, and director was Betty L. Johnson, former I-3 and now director of Christian education in the church.

Illinois MYF holds prexy's breakfast

A record attendance of 600 was marked up at the annual youth rally of the Illinois Conference, held last month at Wesley church in Bloomington. "Prexy's breakfast" was the first feature of the day's program. Them for the day was "Premiere of '55" i which the stars were the conferenc MYF officers, assisted by Nationa Conference president Richard Thomp son. In the main address, Thompso spoke on "The Drama Is You."

Many displays presented church vo cations, tools needed for any MYF the MYFund—both materials and it work, and CONCERN and POWER.

Installed as president for the comin year was Howard Redding of Bloom ington.

MYF Roundup

◆ **More than 4,000 students in thre** high schools in Toledo, O., begin eac day with a moment of silent prayer. A one school the prayer is followed b announcements over the public addres system of illness of students or teach ers. At the other two the prayer fol lows a "thought for today" announce ment by a student.

◆ **Glenn A. Olds, director of Unite** Religious Work at Cornell Universit was featured speaker at the Elmira N.Y. district MYF rally May 15. Hi topic: "Discipleship for Our Day."

◆ **Over 1,000 youth and adult work** ers attended the second annual Ohi Conference youth convocation in Dela ware May 1. Featured speaker wa Howard Ellis of the Board of Evangel ism staff in Nashville.

◆ **Northern District of the West Wis** consin Conference held its spring rall April 24 under the theme "New Ligh in Their Eyes." Some 240 people at tended, heard Robert Trobaugh o Marshfield speak.

Charles C. Chapman, right, pastor of the Detroit, Ill. Methodist church, brought 24 youth to the Illinois Conference MYF rally. He took time out to talk with NCMY president Richard Thompson about CONCERN and other matters. (See story.)

They serve our servicemen

MSM in action

Recently our Methodist Church has had much to say regarding the spiritual and social needs of the men in service—and the fact that these needs are being met so inadequately. There are those who have been and are meeting these needs of our servicemen in a real and positive way. Our story is about one such couple that have given vision to many, and we think can give inspiration to you.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Fitch moved to Albuquerque, N.M., just before World War II. The Fitches had been very deeply rooted in Chicago, with their home, many friends, their interests and active church leadership. But their only son, Dee, had asthma and was in poor health. The Fitches were told that his hope was in a dryer climate—like New Mexico. In their minds Albuquerque was as strange, lonely and fansastic place as the name sounded, but that was not the only difficulty. Mr. Fitch had just lost an eye, and was forced to give up his teaching position because of it.

It is not easy for a man nearing fifty to enter a new line of work in a strange place. So the Fitches made their move with uneasiness, but with courage.

The Fitch family had been active in church affairs—in fact, that is where Mr. and Mrs. Fitch first met. And it was not too long before they became active in Albuquerque's first church. Then one day they found themselves completely wrapped up in a post-high youth group called the Wesley club.

When the Sandia and Kirkland military bases were established, and service personnel began arriving, the Fitches found many a fellow who needed a church home away from home. They became "Mom" and "Pop" to many a homesick lad in service, and led them into a youth fellowship which did much to help them grow in a spiritual way.

The Wesley club included others, of course. Local youth whose families were members of First church, students attending the University of New Mexico, business college students, and a large number of those whose homes were in other towns or states, but who

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Fitch

were working in Albuquerque. Active membership has averaged from 60 to 120, with half that number being men in service. For over 15 years now, the Fitches have been sponsors of the group.

What are the unique phases of this program?

Counseling is one of the finest parts of it all. Many informal counseling sessions at the Fitch home have helped individuals make decisions.

Worship and spiritual growth have been at the heart of everything done in the group. Prayer has a key part in the life of the group, with every Friday night reserved for a prayer meeting.

There is an interdenominational flavor, too. Even though the club is distinctly Methodist in character, persons from many other denominations have been welcomed into the group.

Social development and understanding are important. Because the group has remained flexible in its program, it has continued to meet needs as they arise. Now the influence of the Wesley Club, and its sponsors, has spread literally throughout the world.

—Karlene Cason and
Lila Wakefield

Convocation time will soon be here. Have you registered yet? The dates: August 22-26. The place: Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. The people: Almost 5,000 youth, students and their adult leaders. The program: terrific in every respect. The leaders of Methodism will be there. How about you?

Send your registration in now. If you don't have the registration folder, write your conference director of youth work, your state director of student work, or National Convocation of Methodist Youth, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.